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21 May 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mary Lou Cummings, DCI/IRO
FROM: Jerry N. Owens (C), DCI/OIG/IMO
SUBJECT: (C) Breckinridge, LHO Report, and
Report Indexes/Inventory

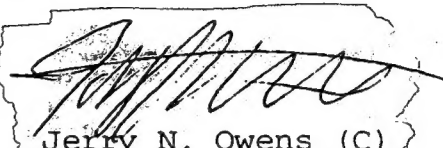
1. (AIUO) The OIG/IMO has made exhaustive searches both manually and electronically. The attached is all of the responsive material that could be found.

2. (AIUO) It appears that all reports and material done by the IG on JFK or LHO have long since been turned over to OLC (currently OEXA). Shelflists and a memorandum confirming this are attached.

3. (C) An electronic search produced 240 'hits' on Breckinridge. I personally went through all 240 and have selected only a few from that number that may be responsive.

4. (AIUO) The Office of the Inspector General does not keep an inventory or index of IG cases.

5. (AIUO) If you have any questions regarding this memo, please call me on X77081. Thank you.


Jerry N. Owens (C)

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December 18, 1997

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Re: Status of CIA Responses to Assassination Records Review Board's Requests for Additional Information and Records

Dear John:

I am writing to follow-up on our telephone call earlier today and to convey my serious concern about the status of CIA's responses to the Review Board's requests for additional information and records. Although CIA has completed its responses to several requests, and many others have been answered in part, a significant number of requests have not been answered — including some that were made more than two years ago. On many occasions we have been assured that responses would be forthcoming, only to have promised dates come and go without answers. It is now extremely important that these requests be answered promptly so that we may conduct a proper follow-up if necessary. The issues that we can now identify as being of the highest priority are identified in the text below by double asterisks (**)¹ and we request that they be answered within the next month. We request that the remaining requests be answered by April 1, 1998.

The remainder of this letter is divided into two parts: first, a listing of the formal requests for information and records, and second, a listing of the informal requests for information and records. Please let me know if your understanding of any of the following points differs from ours so that we can resolve any potential discrepancies.

¹As identified more fully below, the issues are: CIA-1 Organizational Material, CIA-6 Cables and Dispatches, CIA-13 Backchannel Communications, CIA-IR-03 HTLINGUAL Documents, CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton Files, CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart, CIA-IR-15 Electronic "take" from Mexico City, CIA-IR-21 DRE Monthly Operational Reports, CIA-IR-22 "A" Files on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.

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CIA-IR-09 George Bush Computer Search.

The Review Board provided CIA with a copy of an FBI document, dated November 29, 1963, prepared under the name of John Edgar Hoover, which states: "The substance of the foregoing information [on the assassination of President Kennedy] was orally furnished to Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency" We have been informed that the DO has no record of a "George Bush" being in the employ of CIA in 1963 with the exception of Mr. George William Bush who has already given a sworn affidavit that he is not the "George Bush" in question. It is our understanding that the CIA has confirmed that the search query included George Herbert Walker Bush prior to 1970. CIA should determine whether George Herbert Walker Bush is the person to whom the memorandum refers and should provide a definitive statement regarding the scope of its search and the basis of its conclusion. Any and all personnel files of George Herbert Walker Bush should be reviewed to determine whether he had any affiliation with CIA during the 1963 period. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

CIA-IR-10 IG Reports.

CIA will determine whether the IG's office maintains an index or inventory of its reports and determine whether the IG's office prepared a report on the handling of Oswald. Since April 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

CIA-IR-11 Warren Commission Critics.

We are asking that CIA determine whether it possesses any files or records on Warren Commission critics Edward J. Epstein, Josiah Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisberg, or Sylvia Meagher. The Review Board is not requesting information *per se* regarding any FOIA requests by these individuals or any Public Affairs news clippings.³ Since April 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

³To the extent that CIA possesses FOIA files or records on any of these individuals, and to the extent that those records contain information that was not filed with the courts, such records *are being requested for review by the Review Board.*

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13 August 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR: Laura Denk
Executive Director, ARRB

FROM: J. Barry Harrelson
JFK Project Officer, HRP/OIM

SUBJECT: CIA-IR-10, Inspector General Reports

1. This is in response to referent request.
2. The Office of Inspector General conducted a search for the information sought in this request. That search was negative. No Inspector General report on how the Agency handled the Lee Harvey Oswald matter was found. Also, the Office of the Inspector General does not keep an inventory or index of IG cases.
3. This concludes the Agency's action on this request. If you have any questions, please advise.


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MEMORANDUM

September 28, 1998

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May 3/30/00

To: Laura Denk, Executive Director

cc: Michelle Combs, Associate Director for Research and Analysis
 Bob Skwirot, CIA Team Leader

From: Irene Marr, Senior Analyst

Subject: Review of CIA 1964 IG Report

*See attached
 I.D. Form.*

Introduction

The Review Board staff reviewed the CIA Inspector General's Survey Report for 1964, part of which dealt with the Mexico City Station, to determine whether it contained information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board requested access to this document because it dealt with Mexico City surveillance operations during the time of Lee Harvey Oswald's visit to that city in the fall of 1963. Because most of this report falls outside the scope of the Review Board's mandate, and contains information on sensitive intelligence operations, CIA opposes the full release of this document. There are, however, certain sections of the report that make reference to the assassination as well as enhance the understanding of the scope of CIA technical surveillance during the 1963-64 time-frame. In compliance with the JFK Act, the Review Board has requested CIA to open only those particular sections that it has determined to be relevant to the assassination.

Overall Assessment

The 1964 IG Report was devoted to describing and assessing the value of various CIA operations, including technical and operational details, the majority of which concerned the Mexico City Station. While most of this document contains material not believed relevant (NBR) to the assassination, there were sections covering Mexico City surveillance operations, references to the Warren Commission, and to the station's contribution to collecting information on some of Lee Harvey Oswald's activities in Mexico City. There was also a section that referred to Mexico City's registry and Chief

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of Station files which station personnel used to retrieve information on Oswald after the assassination. Several sections on Cuban and Soviet operations are also considered relevant because of Lee Harvey Oswald's reputed visits to those embassies. The Review Board determined that, for the most part, these pertinent sections contain much of the same information has already been opened in other documents released by the Board. However, the fact that the IG report made a point of mentioning the station's role in gathering intelligence on Oswald, presumably to demonstrate the value of the station, is certainly of interest. The Staff will negotiate with CIA staff to have the pertinent sections of the document processed in accordance with the JFK Act.

Summary of NBR Sections of the Report:

The report provided a comprehensive survey of CIA operations and activities in the early 1960's, most of which dealt with the Mexico City station. Based on their familiarity with other records on this subject matter, the staff determined that these sections did not contain information relevant to the events of the assassination. The main subjects of the report are as follows: a general history of the station and U.S.-Mexico relations; description and objectives of technical operations; operations against Cuban and Soviet targets; anti-communist activities; operations in other locations; future operations, administrative details; an assessment of the station's intelligence value; and a section on quality of life issues.

Summary of AR sections of the IG Report which should be processed:

In addition to the references to Lee Harvey Oswald, the Kennedy assassination and the Warren Commission, the IG report also contains certain operational details that are relevant to understanding some of the events surrounding the assassination. The sections that the Review Board designated for release are summarized as follows:

- ***Cuban Operations.*** Discussion of transit visas: p. 2, para. #6; type of surveillance that was or wasn't in place at the time of Oswald's visit. p. 3, para. #9; reference to JMWAVE station and Cuban activities p. 4, para. #11-12.
- ***Soviet Operations.*** References to assassination of President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald and the Warren Commission with additional technical information that has already been released: p. 8, para. #19; p. 9, para. #20; p. 10, para. # 23; and p. 11, para. 24.

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- *Technical Operations.* Shows how technical coverage provided data on Lee Harvey Oswald: p. 16, para #42-43.
- *Other.* Reference to COS files and Station registry that was used to search for information on Lee Harvey Oswald after the assassination: pp. 22-23, para #58; and p. 24, para #61-62.

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